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Amendment

In re Patent Application of:

Applicants:

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REACTIVE POWDER COMPOSITION

AND METHOD FOR PURIFYING GAS

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 22031

Sir:

This paper is presented in response to the Office Action of December 12, 2001.

Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension. The December 12, 2001 Office Action was received in VENABLE Docket department on February 5, 2002 and it clearly has been irradiated. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request waiver of the extension fee. However, should any fee deficiency exist, please charge the same to Deposit Account 22-0261 and advise the undersigned accordingly.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1 and 12 to read as follows:

1. (Four times Amended) Solid pulverulent reactive composition for the purification of a gas, comprising sodium bicarbonate and a caking inhibitor for sodium bicarbonate and being devoid of silica, said inhibitor comprising lignite coke and/or a magnesium compound selected

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